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don't believe we've ever gotten around to prescribing by law how we are going to have exceptions to the writ of habeas corpus. It is such a, again, a vital part of the rights of citizens in a free society to not be imprisoned, that it's a view, I believe, of the Constitutional Revision Committee that there should be no exceptions to that, even in cases of rebellion or invasion we ought not be able to indiscriminately lock up citizens of our country into jail and leave them locked up without giving them some explanation as to why they are, and having them be given the opportunity to prove that they are being held illegally. With that, I would urge the advancement of this resolution.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there any discussion on the advancement of LR 30CA? Seeing none, Senator Withem, to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the advancement of LR 30CA. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LR 30CA.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LR 30CA advances. LB 18.

CLERK: LB 18, introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, at that time referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Madam President. (See AM0021, found on page 440 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT RCBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis to open on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. This bill was here last year, it was heard by the Judiciary Committee, it was reported out unanimously, it died for lack of time, and it's back. LB 18 comes from a problem that a constituent of mine had who brought me an interesting problem in how his child support was being interpreted by the court clerk that was doing the work. Now I've given...I've written up a hypothetical that we could use here. I'm just going to substitute this hypothetical for my clients' case,